



Join the Major Leagues @ your library[®],
developed by Major League Baseball and the
American Library Association, is a program
designed to help people of all ages build
their 21st century literacy skills.

It's also a chance for you to win tickets
to a designated game of the 2004
Major League Baseball World Series[®].

Libraries are places where people can build their 21st century literacy skills, including:

- ⓪ Learning how to read
- ⓪ Learning how to use computers and other media
- ⓪ Learning how to find, evaluate and use information
- ⓪ Learning how to use information to communicate



Here's how the game works.

In this Playbook, you'll find a game board and four categories of questions of increasing difficulty – one for each of the four bases in a baseball diamond. Print this Playbook and take it to your library. Select one question from each base, for a total of four questions, and use your library's print and electronic resources to find the correct answers. Consult your librarian – the ultimate search engine and coach – if you need assistance.

Once you've complete the game board – and are on your way to building your 21st century literacy skills – fill out the required information on the entry form and submit your entry to:

Join the Major Leagues **@your library**[®]
P.O. Box 118070
Chicago, IL 60611

Entries must be postmarked by September 10, 2004, and received no later than September 17, 2004.



Please note your age on the back of the envelope in which you submit your entry. You must have your parent or guardian sign your game board entry form. Winners will be notified in early October 2004. Consult the official rules and regulations for additional details.

A panel of judges will review your playbook to see if you've hit a home run by answering all four questions correctly. All participants who correctly complete the Playbook will be entered into a national drawing to win a trip to a designated game of the 2004 Major League Baseball World Series[®].

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM • Ages 11–13

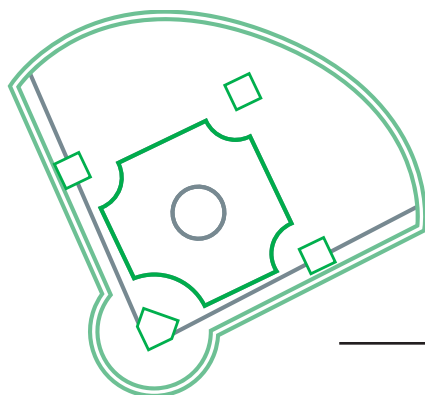
Select one question for each base from the following pages. **Enter the number of the question you are answering in the blank box.** Use the line next to the box for your answer.



1st base



2nd base



3rd base



Home Plate

YOUR STATS

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (required for participants under age 13)

Library Name: _____

Librarian Contact: _____

Library Address: _____

Library Phone Number: _____

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Answer one of the following five questions to get to first base. Write the number of the question and your answer on the Official Entry Form.



1st base (easiest)

1. What player holds the big league record with 4,256 hits?
2. Babe Ruth's real first name is what?
3. The Brooklyn Dodgers played their home games in what park from 1913 to 1957?
4. The Little League World Series is played in what city every year?
5. Name the player that belted a record 868 home runs while playing in the Japanese league from 1959 to 1980?



Answer one of the following five questions to get to second base. Write the number of the question and your answer on the Official Entry Form.



2nd base

1. These two pitchers, both from Texas, are the only big leaguers to strike out 20 batters in a nine-inning game.
2. The Gashouse Gang was a nickname for what big league team of the mid-1930s?
3. Before he became a broadcaster, Bob Uecker played what position for a number of big league teams in the mid-1960s?
4. Who holds the big league record for most stolen bases in a career?
5. Greg Maddux won the first of his four straight Cy Young awards with what team?



Answer one of the following five questions to get to third base. Write the number of the question and your answer on the Official Entry Form.



1. Mark McGwire broke Roger Maris' single-season home run mark in what year?
2. Prior to playing for the Chicago Cubs, Mark Prior pitched collegiately where?
3. Name Major League Baseball's first-ever commissioner.
4. The "designated hitter" made its first appearance in the major leagues in what year?
5. What is "The House That Ruth Built"?



Answer one of the following five questions to hit a home run. Write the number of the question and your answer on the Official Entry Form.



Home Plate (hardest)

1. What is the name of the character Robert Redford portrays in the movie "The Natural"?
2. Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson was a multi-sport athlete at what university?
3. Name the all-women's baseball team that toured the country in the mid-1990s playing against male squads?
4. "Tinker to Evers to Chance" was a famous double play combination for what team in the early 20th century?
5. What was the nickname of the expansion Seattle big league team that played in 1969 before becoming the Milwaukee Brewers the next season?

